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being at the extreme western portion of the taluk, was too far away for the inhabitants of Poonjar, Thedanaad, Chennad and Cholad to derive any aid from it. Some time ago the Medical officer at Lalam used to come to Earttupetta bi-weekly and dispense medicines, but it was discontinued after some time. He prayed that the practice of dispensing medicines at Erattupetta be re-established as before. He also pointed out that there was not a single vydiasala in their midst and urged the necessity of opening vydiasalas in the malarious and unhealthy parts of the taluk, *viz.*, Bharananganam, Earattupettah and Ramapuram.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

The opening of a dispensary at Karukachal.

Mr. Parameswara Kurup Iravi Kurup (Member, Changanacheri taluk) stated that the inhabitants of Nedukunnam in the Changanacheri taluk suffered a great deal for want of medical aid, the nearest hospital at Changanacheri being 9 to 17 miles distant from the place; that most of the inhabitants, who numbered more than 5,000, were poverty-stricken low caste people; and that the opening of a dispensary in their midst would be a great blessing to them. If this was not feasible, the Member proposed that a bi-weekly dispensary, under the supervision of the Changanacheri Medical Officer, be established at Karukachal.

On being asked by the Dewan whether a vydiasala would not do for the place, the Member said that it was not sufficient as it would not meet the requirements in labour cases.

The raising of the status of the Parur hospital.

Mr. A. Govinda Menon, B. A. (Member, Parur taluk) represented that the present medical institution should be raised to the rank of a first class hospital with an officer not below the status of an Assistant Surgeon. He said that, in point of daily attendance, &c., Parur was not below Alleppey and other towns where there are first class hospitals. The present building is not commodious and is situated in a very unhealthy quarter. The want of a competent officer sometimes put the people to the necessity of seeking medical relief from Ernakulam.

Dewan's reply.—Plans and estimates for a good hospital have been sanctioned. As regards the deputation of a competent Medical officer, I have to say that the matter of posting is left to the Darbar Physican.

VII. Education.

9. The desirability of introducing certain changes in the Education Code and in the present education policy of the State

P. K. Kesava Pillai, B. A., B. L. (Member, Trivandrum taluk) said that the fundamental defects of the Education

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